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1. REGRET OVERSIGHT NOT POSTING YOU ON RECENT CORONA LAUNCHES. PROBLEM LIES IN PART WITH REASONABLY ACCURATE ASSUMPTION MADE PARA FOUR REF RELATED TO HIGH LEVEL OF CONTROL ROOM ACTIVITY DURING AND AFTER COUNTDOWN. ALSO, HQS HAD ASSUMED THAT YOU HEARD FROM OVERT SOURCES MORE RAPIDLY OF FAILURES AND ORBITS, SINCE WIRE SERVICES HERE NEVER FAIL GIVE THESE LAUNCHES PROMPT AND COMPLETE COVERAGE WHETHER ORBIT ACHIEVED OR NOT. FEELING HAD BEEN THAT LESS SAID ABOUT FLOPS AND DESTRUCTS THE BETTER. FYI, TECHNICAL ESTIMATES OF REASONS BEHIND FAILURES LAG BEHIND LAUNCHES BY DAYS OR WEEKS IN SOME CASES, PENDING TELEMETRY READOUTS VARIOUSLY PAGING REPORTING STATIONS.

2. RE PARA THREE REF, DAILY TELEGRAPH WAS CORRECT. ARGON LAUNCH DESTROYED 60 SECS AFTER LIFT OFF DUE WHAT THOUGHT TO BE IG TROUBLES, TIMES OF 3 AUG PRESUMABLY CARRIED SAME ERRONEOUS EARLY STORY ON CORONA MISSION 9021 WHICH CAME OFF TICKERS HERE SEVERAL MINUTES AFTER LAUNCH BUT WHICH CORRECTED WHEN VEHICLE FAILED ACHIEVE

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ORBIT AND CAME DOWN SOUTH PACIFIC

3. WHILE APPRECIATING AVID [REDACTED] INTEREST CORONA AND DIFFICULT STA POSITION, 25X1

BELIEVE [REDACTED] WILL ALSO APPRECIATE NORMAL RELUCTANCE GIVE OUT TOO MUCH DETAIL TO 25X1

[REDACTED] IN ADVANCE LAUNCHES SINCE THEY HAVE NO MISSION RESPONSIBILITY, ONLY KNEW
INTEREST. PERHAPS DIFFICULTY ALSO LIES IN NEWNESS THIS METHOD INTEL COLLECTION,
SINCE EVEN OUR OWN EARLY ATTITUDES RESEMBLED SMALL BOY WITH NEW TOY WHO INTERESTED
FIND OUT WHY IT WORKED SO WELL AND TO LET NEIGHBORS KNOW. IN TIME WE HAVE COME TO
RECOGNIZE THIS AS ANOTHER AND VERY IMPORTANT ASSET IN ARSENAL OF CLANDESTINE INTEL
COLLECTION, WHILE ADVANCE PLANS SHOULD BE AS CAREFULLY GUARDED AS ARE THOSE OR MORE
PEDESTRIAN METHODS IN CS FIELD.

4. FOLL IS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT THREE CORONA SHOTS AS KNOWN HERE AT PRESENT.

MISSION 9022 22 OR 23 AUG

MISSION 9023 26 OR 29 AUG

MISSION 9024 8 SEPT

SINCE ACTUAL LAUNCH DATE SUBJECT SLIPPAGE UP TO AND INCLUDING PROGRAMMED DATE, FOR
MECHANICAL AND WEATHER REASONS AS WELL AS PAD AVAILABILITY AND LAUNCHES OTHER

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 PROGRAMS, ABOVE DATES MUST BE REGARDED AS WHOLLY CONDITIONAL. WILL TRY KEEP [REDACTED] 25X1
 BETTER ADVISED THAN IN PAST.

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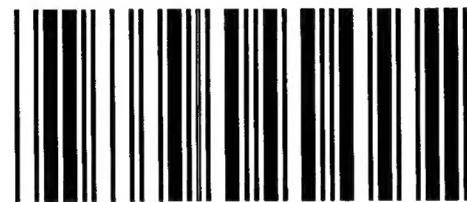
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UNOBLIGATED BALANCE REFERS TO ESTIMATED AMOUNT WHICH WE EXPECT WILL
BE REMAINING AFTER ALL ACCOUNTS ARE PAID OFF AT COMPLETION OF THE WHOLE
ORIGINAL RE-EQUIPMENT PROGRAM.

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